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**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN VOLUSIA COUNTY
ADDRESSES COUNTY HEALTH RANKINGS**

DAYTONA BEACH – The Florida Department of Health in Volusia County recognizes the value in measuring health outcomes and today acknowledged the 5th annual County Health Rankings & Roadmaps tool released by the University of Wisconsin and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. This study highlights the many community factors that influence health and uses established data, much of which is available from the Department at www.floridacharts.com.

“Our community is ranked 43rd out of 67 counties for health outcomes and 32nd out of 67 counties for factors impacting health,” said Dr. Bonnie J. Sorensen, director of the Florida Department of Health in Volusia County. “The County Health Rankings help us to understand what factors have influenced good health in our community and how we can continue to make Volusia County a healthy place to live, learn, work and play.”

In Volusia County, the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) is designed to address specific opportunities for improved health that have been identified by the community. The Department has partnered with many stakeholders to implement the CHIP and collaborates regularly to track progress. Volusia County has three hospital systems that have all participated creating plans to improve the health of our community.

“Halifax Health has been committed to addressing the needs of Volusia County residents since 1928. Our community health clinics in Daytona Beach, as well as our Level II Trauma Center and neonatal and pediatric intensive care units, provide accessible care to thousands of residents each year,” said John Guthrie, director of Corporate Communications, Halifax Health. “Our new Women’s Care Now and Care Now facilities in Ormond Beach and Deltona continue Halifax Health’s mission of providing easily accessible quality healthcare to residents of our community.”

“The health and well-being of the communities we serve is an integral part of Florida Hospital’s mission. Through our community health needs assessment and planning process, some areas identified as needing improvement include chronic diseases- such as diabetes, obesity and cardiovascular disease as well as preventative care programs. Working together to improve access to healthcare for residents in Volusia County is also vital to improving qualities of life in our communities,” said Daryl Tol, CEO of Florida Hospital East Florida Region.

“Bert Fish Medical Center and its medical staff members values the partnership it shares with the Florida Department of Health in Volusia County and believes a collaborative effort shared by all healthcare providers will enable the CHIP plan to help meet the healthcare needs of Volusia County,” said Steve Harrell, CEO at Bert Fish Medical Center.

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Healthy Volusia is a partnership that is actively involved in improving the health of Volusia County and has identified two priority areas by focusing on obesity and access to health care. The Florida Department of Health's Office of Informatics and Assessment has created a report to spotlight the health of Volusia County communities by quadrants. The resource is called Healthy Volusia Report and is available at www.volusiahealth.com.

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